



***Prayer is a gift you can always give to others. Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:***

## Pastor's Page

As I write this article I am in the Pocono Mountains, surrounded by the red and yellow colors of the fall leaves, and the bright sun shine dancing over the water of the lake. There is something breathtaking about the beauty of this scenery. I often wonder, which do I like better – the springtime or the fall? Springtime has a feeling of “expectation” while the fall brings a sense of “reflection”. By reflecting I mean, looking back to ponder, appreciate, and evaluate so you can continue to move forward. We have been doing this work as a church in preparation for Charge Conference, which was in October; and in preparation for our 2016 budget and slate of nominations for our 2016 leadership. That is the necessary administrative work of reflection and evaluating. I thank those who have faithfully tended to this work. But we don't want to get stuck in the paper work!

- On All Saint's Sunday, November 1, we will remember and celebrate the lives of those who have added beauty and color to our lives.
- On November 8 we will honor those who have been members of MUMC for 50 years or more. I look forward to hearing their reflections of faith.

Of course there is a lot of other activity taking place in the month of November which you will read about in the pages of this Maple. In the fullness of the fall activities in the life of the church and in your personal lives, please take the time to reflect: to ponder and appreciate, so that as we move forward in life we can do so with confidence that we are going where God is leading.

Peace and Joy,

*Pastor Wendy*



## Our Legacy, Our Hope

*2015 Stewardship Campaign:  
Our Legacy, Our Hope*

**"...like a tree planted by the streams of water..." Psalm 1:1**

This year our Stewardship Campaign will look back at our past and contemplate our future, culminating in the presentation of our Faith Promise cards on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year, the budget will be presented in a narrative form to show the many activities and missions of our church. This narrative budget will be available the second Sunday of November. Please take the time to read it and appreciate the many ways we interact with each other and the community as we disciple in the name of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed in many ways over the past year, but there is much work to do as we look to the future. Please prayerfully consider what you can set aside for God in 2016 as we worship together during the month of November.

In Christ,

*Jim Rea*, Finance Committee Chairman



### SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Many of the men will be attending the Keswick DCMF fall retreat on November 7th. The topic is "Integrity: The heart and soul of all lasting Influence". We will meet for our regular Saturday Morning Men's Group, in the church lounge, on November 14th at 8 AM. All men are welcome.



**Morrisville United Methodist Church  
Tuesday - NOV. 3rd / 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Homemade Soup, Homemade Bread, Salad, Dessert & Beverage  
**Baked Goods, Crafts and a display of Silent Auction items**  
Adults: \$10.00 / Children (6-12): \$3.00 / Children (5 & under): Free  
Call 215-295-4983 for reservations and tickets



### **HOLLY NOOK BAZAAR**

Morrisville United Methodist Church  
**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> / 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

- The bazaar will contain many crafty items including tree ornaments, designer bags, scarves, hand knit gloves, woven rag rugs, and our always popular bake sale table, complete with homemade dog treats.

**GRANNY'S ATTIC – Room 10**

**Time: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M**

Featuring next to new treasures, collectibles, junque and more.

- The kitchen will be busy with fresh hot coffee, tea, breakfast treats and their famous hot dogs. So come and have a breakfast or lunch and shop where all proceeds go toward mission projects.



**Fall Clean Up Saturday**

**November 28: 8:00 AM - Noon**

Bring your rakes, tarps, working gloves, leaf blowers, and join with your church family in cleaning up the church grounds. There will be coffee, bagels and donuts to get us moving, and pizza or hot dogs to keep us going!



**Date: Friday, October 30th**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Place: Kids in Fellowship Hall, Adults In the large parking lot.**

**What to bring:**

**Kids:** Come dressed in a Costume and bring a flashlight and goody bag.

**Adults:** Goodies to give out and decorations for your car.

- **Trunk or Treat is an important community outreach program to serve our neighborhood children, and it can't be done without YOU. Hope you can attend!**

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**Saturday, December 5:**

**MUMC Adult Fellowship Bus Trip to Hershey**

**"Christmas in Hershey" - \$102 per person.**

Package includes: deluxe motor coach; Holiday luncheon show at the Hershey Lodge; Visit to Chocolate World; "Sweet Lights" driving tour. For reservations call Vera Straley: 215-295-1382 (after 6 PM). Make checks payable to "MUMC Adult Fellowship" and mail to: **Vera Straley, 1 Hillcrest Avenue, Apartment #302, Morrisville, PA 19067**



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

This year we made OCC the mission project for VBS. We got a great head start on collecting items to be used at our Shoebox packing party.

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of the Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse. Go to

[www.samaritanaspurse/occ.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse/occ.org) to learn more.

***Here are some suggestions for ways you can help:***

- Purchase small gifts and items to place in shoeboxes (see suggestions Below)
- Save shoeboxes unwrapped or wrapped. (Please wrap the lid separately.)
- Donate money to be used toward shipping and handling costs.
- **Suggested Items:**

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as stuffed animals, small dolls toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

**Age and Gender-Specific Ideas:**

Girls 2-4, Girls 5-9, Girls 10-14,

Boys 2-4, Boys 5-9, Boys 10-14.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans..

- **On November 15<sup>th</sup> the entire congregation is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall to assemble the shoe boxes. Please plan to be part of this amazing mission!**



- Please help us fill baskets for our neighbors in need. Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled on Sunday November 22. Please have food donations, especially turkeys delivered by that day.

Special Seasonal Requests include:

**TURKEYS - or Turkey Coupons accepted! - (by November 22 please), Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Corn ... We also like to include staples like: Peanut butter, Jelly, Tuna, Pasta, Sauce and Cereal.**



**Each Year our church helps up to 10 families by providing gifts for Children in need.** Our giving tree will be located in the lobby, please choose a tag, purchase and wrap the gift and return it to the Children's Ministry office by December 13. Don't forget to attach the original tag to your gift.



**United Methodist Women**

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NO GENERAL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 3** 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON – Ryan Hall  
Bake Table and Crafts, Granny's Attic in Room 10

**NOVEMBER 7 (Saturday)** 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
HOLLY NOOK BAZAAR – Ryan Hall &  
GRANNY'S ATTIC – Room 10

NOVEMBER 16

ADRIENNE CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.  
Hostess: Wanda Long  
Study: Chris Bonno  
Devotion: Venus Bray

BERNICE CIRCLE – 7:30 P.M.  
Hostess: Sue Urbano  
Study: Linda Herbster  
Devotion: Linda Mier

NOVEMBER 18

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge  
Hostesses: Nancy Sample & Sue Friend  
Study/Devotion: Charlotte Swenson

UMW Christmas Cookies:

The United Methodist Women request all women coming to the December 1 meeting to bring two dozen cookies for the trays to send to those members who cannot come out to church. The trays will be made up and delivered on Wednesday, December 2. Sugar free cookies are needed. This is a very special tradition for many of our elderly friends and the trays are always well received.



You are cordially invited to a  
**Blessing of the Space**  
**for the Family Backpack Center**  
On Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 PM  
at Morrisville United Methodist Church

- Morrisville UMC is the new location for the Family Backpack Center, a supplemental food source for children and their families in the Morrisville School District. This gathering will be to bless the space, as well as the families which will be served. We will also be honoring the volunteers and donors who have made this dream a reality. A light reception will follow the blessing service. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the center.



*Please accept my sincere thanks* for the many phone calls, cards, visits, food and flower gifts, and particularly the prayers!! The knee replacement surgery went well and the rehab is going fine – just takes patience and time. Your kind thoughts, actions, and prayers have enabled us to deal positively with this time of being somewhat housebound. May God bless you all!!

*Charlotte Swenson*

*I just want to take a small moment to say thank you* for your support during this difficult time in my personal life. Your presence, your kind words, your cards and phone calls have been a nice reminder that I am not alone. When I was young my family never "churched" my sister and I. When I found Christ it was because I met some really awesome people and I thought how cool would it be to love people the way these people do. I am thankful to have a large church family who truly loves me. I can not thank you enough for your help and care. I also want to thank Christ because it is during this hard time that I truly know he cares for me. How do I know? He gave you all to me!

Your Sister and Friend in Christ  
*Jennifer Ayling-Arruda*

*We want to tell you how grateful we are* for all the prayers and kind thoughts you have provided to our family over the past few months. During the time that Elias was awaiting surgery, during his hospitalizations and when he was homebound, the cards, phone calls, visits and especially the prayers, gave us all such comfort and strength. Big E was especially comforted by your love and friendship. And with his passing, and the loss of my sister, Peggy, at the same time, your love and concern continued to support and comfort us, allowing God's peace to enfold us and guide us through this time of loss. We want you all to know how much we appreciate the loving church family of caring souls that has provided support and prayers during this time. And we want to thank Pastor Wendy for her comforting visits, her loving concern and guidance. May God continue to bless you all and give you peace, as He has given to us.

*Lu Jennett and Family*



- Pie Pick Up Day - November 21st after 10am, or after each service on November 22.
- Proceeds benefit our youth ministry, both in the church and community.
- You can order online now. Check out our church website: <http://www.mumcpa.org/>



We didn't forget - Nuts are here! You can buy them from any youth member or e-mail me at [mumcyouth@comcast.net](mailto:mumcyouth@comcast.net)

\* If you can help our youth by selling at your workplace please reach out to me. We need all the help we can get.

All money raised through Pies and Nuts help run our youth group and most importantly help fund our mission outreach programs!



### Recycle! Turn Trash into Cash

Don't forget to send in your ink cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, gps devices, digital cameras and mp3 players to help us earn cash in this ongoing fundraiser. The drop-off box's are located outside the youth office.



### Wednesdays in Advent

St. John Lutheran, the Presbyterian Church in Morrisville and MUMC have been coming together this year for new ministry and worship opportunities. Our next joint effort will take place on Wednesday evenings in Advent. Dinner will begin at 6:00 - worship will begin at 6:45

#### December 2

host church: St. John Lutheran

preacher: Rev. Bruce Ballentine (MPC)

#### December 9

Host Church: Morrisville United Methodist

Preacher: Rev. Michael McKillip (St.John's)

#### December 16

Host: Presbyterian Church

Preacher: Rev. Wendy Bellis (MUMC)

We will be asking for desserts and help hosting the meal on December 9th.



### Fundraiser

**Thursday, November 5,** plan to Have dinner between 5-8 pm at the hChik-Fil-A on Oxford Valley Rd. and we will earn 15% of sales to be used toward the cost of postage and handling for our Operation Christmas Child project. Drive Thru or Dine in, and be sure to mention MUMC before you order.